OSC'S NEW DATABASE TO TRACK CRIMINALS PROVING POPULAR
WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS
100 % of CJLEADS Survey Respondents Said New System a Benefit to Their Organizations

RALEIGH – The Office of State Controller has released its quarterly report to the General Assembly outlining the progress of the CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) project. The report includes results from OSC's survey to capture user opinion and measure the initial impressions of the CJLEADS program. The survey found:

- 100 % of respondents indicated that CJLEADS was a benefit to their organizations
- 99 % of respondents indicated that CJLEADS improved their ability to receive offender information more quickly
- 98 and 97 % of respondents indicated that CJLEADS improved their ability to use offender information more effectively (98 %) and efficiently (97 %).

Several quotes from the survey respondents follow:

- "Great tool to locate suspects when you only have one name or limited information."
- "Timeline feature is the most helpful to me. At a glance I can see the overall history of a person from many perspectives. We are also planning to enhance the use of the watch list feature as well."
- I have used it to determine who may be in a particular home that I am scheduled to visit. If drugs/weapons arrests have occurred in the immediate area or home. Love it."
- "The system brings another layer of competency to law enforcement. This tool gives us the ability to delve into information that normally we would need to go through numerous avenues to find, great job of streamlining the information."

As of December 28, over 2,000 users, comprising Wake County criminal justice organizations, have been established in CJLEADS and are training or currently using the application. On December 14, Release II of the CJLEADS project was deployed and added a real-time interface with DMV for driver license and vehicle data, as well as integrating the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry.

Recent panel discussions and feedback from law enforcement officers highlighted the need for "night vision" capability, and this feature is now incorporated into CJLEADS. In night vision, the screen image is reversed so that the background is black and the lettering is in lighter colors.

The pilot is integrating data found within the state's various criminal justice applications and is providing up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an "offender watch" capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status.

Several agencies have shared results of having access to CJLEADS:

North Carolina State Fair

Law enforcement, using sophisticated GIS monitoring capabilities, determined that a registered sex offender, legally prohibited from attending the state fair, was physically located within the state fair grounds during the 2010 NC State Fair. Using their GIS grid mapping technology, along with a photo image printed from CJLEADS, law enforcement officials were able to quickly locate, apprehend, and remove the person from the fair grounds.

Cary Police Department

The Cary Police Department shared several experiences with CJLEADS.

"I went to class two weeks ago. Since then I placed all of the probationers, sex offenders, and gang members from my district on my watch list. I have received about 5 alerts/updates from my list already. I have 193 people on my list. This past weekend we used it to find a warrant on a subject. This might be the best tool we currently have in our toolbox."

"I was attempting to serve a warrant for a suspect with a long history of drug use and possession. All attempts failed because he had not updated his address in over a year and had no work history. But I used CJLEADS and ran his information through that site. I was able to find an updated address because he gave his Probation Officer his current address. He was living with his girlfriend and they used her name to get an apartment in the same complex as his old address. Management thought he had moved and had no idea he was living with this lady. I made contact at her address: he was located and taken into custody. If not for CJLEADS I would have had the warrant returned to the clerk as unable to locate. To me that was a success for us and the Town of Cary."

"I have been able to track a habitual DWI offender who was arrested on his second habitual DWI after failing to show up for sentencing on my habitual DWI. I only learned about the subsequent arrest because of CJLEADS. I was able to go into NCAWARE and add a comment to his profile about his failure to appear problem. Consequently, on his 2nd arrest since he failed to appear on my habitual DWI sentencing, he was given a high enough bond that has been in jail for about two months at this point with no signs he will be getting out any time soon. This guy poses a potential death sentence to anyone he meets on the road. Hopefully because of the CJLEADS notifications, we have put him behind bars for good."

With the implementation of CJLEADS to Wake County complete, OSC now is aggressively deploying CJLEADS throughout the rest of the state during the next 18 months. The deployment will provide all federal, state and local criminal justice organizations with operational presence in the State of North Carolina the opportunity to complete on-boarding activities and begin training personnel for access to CJLEADS. To minimize deployment costs, the CJLEADS is working closely with state and local organizations to leverage available training facilities, implement Train the Trainer programs, minimize travel through the use of web-based training classes and up to date electronic documentation.

To date, OSC has conducted deployment meetings in the following additional counties:

- November 29, 2010 – Alamance, Chatham, Durham, Orange counties – Durham Technical Community College, Hillsborough, NC
- November 30, 2010 – Cabarrus, Mecklenburg counties – Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, Charlotte, NC
- December 8, 2010 – Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln counties – Crowder Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain, NC
- December 8, 2010 – Caswell, Person counties, Roxboro, NC

Upcoming deployment meetings are scheduled at the following locations:

- January 18, 2011 – Anson, Stanly, Union counties – Stanly County Sheriff's Office, Albemarle, NC
- January 27, 2011 – Davidson, Forsyth, Rowan counties – Davidson County Community College, Thomasville, NC
- January 28, 2011 – Lee, Montgomery, Moore counties – Southern Pines Police Department, Southern Pines, NC
- January 31, 2011 and February 1, 2011 – Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes counties – Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC
- February 2 – Hoke, Richmond, Scotland counties – Rockingham Police Department, Rockingham, NC

The quarterly report prepared by the OSC provides a final update on the completed Wake County pilot program as well as status and plans for statewide expansion and application operations and maintenance. The report can be found at: www.osc.nc.gov under "Recent Publications."

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